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1. STATEMENT OF GOALS: EMBASSY SEOUL CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN OBJECTIVES SET FORTH IN COUNTRY PROGRAM SUBMITTED JANUARY 1974. ACCORDINGLY IT WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER IN-COUNTRY TRAINING FACILITIES FOR KOREAN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS IN POLICE, CUSTOMS, AND MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS (MHSA) DRUG CONTROL SERVICE. THE DEA REPRESENTATIVE WILL ADVISE KOREAN AUTHORITIES ON DRUG ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS; WILL COORDINATE INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES OF BOTH ROKG AND U.S. MILITARY COMMAND; AND WILL MONITOR EFFECTIVENESS OF THE U.S. AND ROKG DRUG ENFORCEMENT AND INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES.

2. THE PRINCIPAL U.S. TRAINING EFFORTS IN KOREA DURING FY 74 CONSISTED OF TWO CLASSES FOR 60 CUSTOMS INSPECTORS IN PUSAN, OCT. 16-NOV. 15, 1973 AND A
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DEA CONDUCTED SIX DAY BASIC NARCOTICS COURSE IN

SEOUL, MARCH 11-16, 1974, ATTENDED BY 30 MHSA NARCOTICS AGENTS AND 30 NATIONAL POLICE OFFICERS. MOREOVER, THE DEA REPRESENTATIVE HAS ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS SHOWN TRAINING FILMS TO ROKG ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. DURING FY 1974 ONE KOREAN POLICE OFFICER WAS SENT TO THE U.S. FOR SPECIAL TRAINING, BUT AID HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT NO FUNDING FOR U.S. TRAINING AVAILABLE FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

3. THE NARCOTICS PROGRAMS IN KOREA CONSIST MAINLY OF CONTROLLING SUPPLIES TO U.S. NATIONALS ASSIGNED IN KOREA. CANABIS IS WIDELY GROWN IN THE COUNTRY AS A SOURCE FOR TRADITIONAL HEMP CLOTH IN RURAL AREAS, AND THUS CONTINUES TO BE AVAILABLE TO U.S. PERSONNEL. ILLEGALLY MANUFACTURED AMPHETAMINES AND BARBITURATES ARE PRINCIPALLY DESTINED FOR THE JAPANESE MARKET, WITH SMALL AMOUNTS REACHING U.S. PERSONNEL AND LITTLE OR NONE EXPORTED TO U.S. A MAIN AREA OF INTEREST REMAINS KOREAN POTENTIAL AS TRANSSHIPMENT POINT FOR MORPHIUM BASED DRUGS TO THE U.S. HOWEVER, THE EVIDENCE OF SUCH SHIPMENTS CONTINUES TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY NEGATIVE.

4. FURTHER DETAILS ON BUDGET AND FUTURE PROGRAMS WILL BE FURNISHED UPON RETURN OF DEA REPRESENTATIVE FROM HOME LEAVE.
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